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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 222333 SENT ACTION AMMAN DTD 18 SEP  
QUOTE:

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, JO

SUBJECT: HAWK MISSILES FOR JORDAN

1. YOU SHOULD CONVEY TO KING HUSSEIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
URGENT MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY:

2. BEGIN TEXT: YOUR MAJESTY: PRESIDENT FORD AND I WANT  
YOU TO KNOW THAT WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE FAR-SIGHTED  
ATTITUDE YOU HAVE DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT THIS WHOLE  
UNFORTUNATE CONTROVERSY ON THE HAWK ISSUE AND TOWARD OUR  
PAINSTAKING EFFORTS TO RESOLVE IT IN A MANNER THAT WOULD  
ENABLE US TO FULFILL OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU. THE PRESIDENT  
SENT HIS LETTER OF ASSURANCES TO THE CONGRESS THIS MORNING,  
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AND WE BELIEVE THOSE ASSURANCES--INCLUDING THE CENTRAL PARAGRAPH WHICH WE WERE ABLE TO FORMULATE THANKS TO YOUR OWN FORBEARANCE--BEAR WITNESS TO YOUR WISDOM AND GOOD JUDGMENT.

BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND I WERE DISTRESSED TO LEARN FROM AMBASSADOR PICKERING THAT THE PARAGRAPH OF THE LETTER THAT DEALS WITH THE DELIVERY SCHEDULE IS CAUSING CONCERN TO YOU. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS PROBLEM THOROUGHLY, AND I CANNOT EMPHASIZE STRONGLY ENOUGH THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT TAKING A POSITION WHICH WOULD UPSET THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE

WITH CONGRESS. . IN THE COURSE OF OUR LONG AND OFTEN FRUSTRATING CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS, THE OPPONENTS OF THE HAWK SALE PRESSED VERY HARD TO HAVE THE DELIVERY SCHEDULE DELAYED OR STRETCHED OUT OVER A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME. WE SUCCEEDED IN PREVENTING THIS ONLY BY DINT OF ARDUOUS NEGOTIATIONS AND BY AGREEING, IN THE FACE OF THE UTMOST PRESSURE, THAT THE DELIVERY SCHEDULE WE HAD OUTLINED IN OUR EARLIER NEGOTIATIONS WITH YOU SHOULD BE STATED IN PRECISE FORM IN THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

AS A RESULT OF AMBASSADOR PICKERING'S REPORTS TO ME AND OUR TALKS EARLIER THIS MONTH IN AMMAN, I REMAIN FULLY AWARE OF YOUR MAJESTY'S STRONG DESIRE THAT THE DELIVERY SCHEDULE BE ACCELERATED AND THAT DELIVERIES BE SYNCHRONIZED AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE WITH THE TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR YOUR HAWK CREWS. THE PRESIDENT AND I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN IN THIS REGARD. AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE PROBLEMS WITH REGARD TO PRODUCTION SCHEDULES FOR THE IMPROVED HAWK AND IN MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF OUR OWN ARMED FORCES. DESPITE THIS WE WILL BE PREPARED TO RAISE THE MATTER AGAIN AND TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN IN THIS REGARD IF THE SITUATION HERE IMPROVES.

HAVING SAID THIS, YOUR MAJESTY, IT IS THE PRESIDENT'S AND MY SINCERE ADVICE THAT THE QUESTION OF DELIVERY SCHEDULES BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN DORMANT FOR A TIME WHILE THE PASSIONS AND CONTROVERSY THAT HAVE BEEN AROUSED BY THE HAWK SALE ARE STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE HERE. WE ARE ACUTELY AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES THAT PUBLICITY ABOUT THE

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RESOLUTION OF THIS WHOLE MATTER CAUSE FOR YOUR MAJESTY AND WILL DO OUR BEST TO BE HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD IN OUR OWN PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

YOUR MAJESTY, PERMIT ME TO OBSERVE AGAIN THAT DESPITE THE UNFORTUNATE CONTROVERSY AND RESULTANT DELAY WHICH HAVE OCCURRED, OUR MANY DISCUSSIONS AND CONSULTATIONS WITH

CONGRESS OVER THE PAST MONTHS HAVE CONFIRMED MY VIEW THAT  
THERE IS THE GREATEST ESTEEM FOR YOUR MAJESTY PERSONALLY  
IN THE CONGRESS, AND THE GREATEST SYMPATHY FOR JORDAN

AND ITS PEOPLE. IT IS MY FERVENT HOPE, NOW THAT THIS  
TEMPORARY DIFFICULTY OVER THE SALE OF HAWKS HAS BEEN  
SURMOUNTED, THAT THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP AND TRADITION-  
ALLY CLOSE TIES THAT BIND JORDAN AND THE UNITED STATES  
WILL CONTINUE TO PROSPER, BOTH IN THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF  
OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND IN THE INTEREST OF A JUST AND  
LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER.  
END TEXT.

3. FYI: IN CONVEYING SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO KING YOU  
SHOULD GET ACROSS THAT IT WOULD BE A MAJOR ERROR TO ALLOW  
DELIVERY SCHEDULE QUESTION TO UPSET ALL THAT WE, THE  
JORDANIANS, AND KING'S FRIENDS IN CONGRESS HAVE BEEN ABLE  
TO ACHIEVE AFTER MANY MONTHS OF FRUSTRATION AND HARD WORK.  
ANY ATTEMPT TO SPEED UP DELIVERY SCHEDULE NOW WOULD RUN  
INTO OPPOSITION WITHIN DODHAND AFFORD CONGRESSIONAL  
OPPONENTS OF THE SALE A HEAVEN-SENT OPPORTUNITY TO SINK  
IT FOR GOOD. IF JORDANIANS FEEL THEY MUST SAY SOMETHING  
IN PUBLIC, WE URGE THAT THEY LIMIT THEMSELVES TO STATEMENT  
AFFIRMING THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF OUR FORTHCOMING LETTER OF  
OFFER BUT RESERVING, WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO USG  
POSITION, THEIR POSITION ON DELIVERY SCHEDULE IN VIEW OF  
THEIR URGENT NEED FOR AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT AS VOICED  
REPEATEDLY BY KING IN PAST WEEKS. THIS SHOULD HELP  
SATISFY THEIR CONCERNS WITHOUT BLOWING THINGS WIDE OPEN  
AGAIN HERE. OVERRIDING NECESSITY, YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE,  
IS TO WIN TIME FOR SITUATION TO COOL OFF HERE, AS WELL AS  
FOR SITUATION IN M.E. TO CLARIFY ITSELF. KISSINGER UNQUOTE  
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